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SUBJ: REVOLUTIONARY POLITICAL MOVEMENT

1. IN RECENT PRESS INTERVIEW AIR FORCE GENERAL PEDRO SALA-OROSCO, SINAMOS CHIEF AND PRESIDENT OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMISSION SET UP TO ORGANIZE AND APPROVE POLITICAL MOVEMENT, STATED "THE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OF THE REVOLUTION" WOULD SOON BE REALITY. SALA OROSCO NOTED THAT THE MINISTERIAL COMMISSION HAD ABOUT COMPLETED ITS WORK AND WOULD SOON BE SENDING ITS FINAL REPORT TO PRESIDENT VELASCO VIA THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COAP). WHEN ASKED IF SINAMOS WOULD FORM "ACTIVIST BRIGADES" TO DEFEND THE REVOLUTION. SALA REPLIED THAT DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION WOULD BE THE TASK OF THE NEW POLITICAL ORGANIZATION WHICH IN TURN WOULD BE ADVISED BY SINAMOS.

2. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY SOURCE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY POLITICAL MOVEMENT (MLR), THAT ORGANIZATION WILL BE EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN THE REVOLUTION'S POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. THE MLR PLANS TO GO PUBLIC BY OCTOBER WITH A NATIONAL CONGRESS, ELECTION OF LEADERS AND FULL STATEMENT OF POLITICAL GOALS. IT INTENDS TO FOLD INTO AND HEAVILY INFLUENCE THE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. THE TASK OF THE MLR, WHOSE SHADOW PRESIDENT IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE FISHERIES MINISTRY, WOULD BE TO ERODE ORTHODOX COMMUNIST PARTY INFLUENCE AND AS AN INTENDED SIDE EFFECT ENHANCE THE POLITICAL FORTUNES OF FISHERIES MINISTER
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3. MLR SOURCE CLAIMS THAT, AS PART OF AN EFFORT TO CIRCUMSCRIBE THE CONTROL COMMUNISTS IN THE NEW POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, SINAMOS WILL FORCE SUSPECTED COMMUNISTS AS WELL AS APRISTAS TO SIGN LETTERS RENOUNCING TIES TO THESE PARTIES. THE GOP REALIZES THAT THIS MEASURE WILL NOT ROOT OUT "INFILTRATORS" BUT WILL AT LEAST GIVE THE GOP INCREASED LEVERAGE OVER INDIVIDUALS AND PERHAPS POLITICALLY EMBARRASS THE COMMUNIST PARTY. THE ANTI-APRA POSITION IS NOT ALL IT SEEMS, FOR THE MLR AT LEAST. ALTHOUGH BY-PASSING APRA CHIEFTAINS, THE MLR PLANS TO ELICIT SUPPORT OF SOME APRA YOUTH FOR THE NEW POLITICAL ORGANIZATION.

4. ON LEADERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION, THE MLR SOURCE CLAIMS THAT THE ARMY PLANS TO RUN BOTH SINAMOS AND THE POLITICAL MOVEMENT AND THAT AIR FORCE GENERAL (RET.) SALA OROSCO WILL FADE AWAY FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE SINAMOS REORGANIZATION.

5. ABOVE STATED CLAIMS OF MLR INFLUENCE ARE CONTRADICTED BY A JUNE 5 RESOLUTION OF THE SO-CALLED "REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE" WHICH CONDEMNS THE MLR AND REFUSES TO ACCEPT MLR PARTICIPATION IN JUNE 7 RALLY-ROUND-THE-FLAG CEREMONIES. ACCORDING TO LIMA DAILY EXPRESO, THE CGTP, CNT AND EVEN GOVERNMENT-RUN CTRP TRADE UNIONS SIGNED THIS RESOLUTION WITH ONLY THE GOVERNMENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (SERP) OF 14 REPRESENTED GROUPS REFUSING TO REJECT MLR PARTICIPATION IN JUNE 7 ACTIVITIES.
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